

SLIGHT GAINS BY ALLIES ON RIGHT BANK OF YSER

FRANCO-BRITISH LINES HOLD
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All Day

Nieuport on the right bank of the Yser. The text of the communique follows:

"On our west wing the allied forces have made slight progress to the east of Nieuport, and the position of the Yser. From Dixmude to the Lys the German attacks were renewed yesterday, but at a number of points with lessened energy, particularly with regard to the actions of their infantry.

"The Franco-British lines have not been drawn back, and our troops, undertaking the offensive, have made notable progress in several directions. This is true in the region of Labasse and the Somme the day before yesterday, particularly for an artillery contest.

"In the region of Roye we have maintained our occupation of LeQuennoy-Bisbantere and advanced perceptibly in the direction of the Somme.

"On the centre, between the Oise and the Moselle, there has been a recrudescence of the activity of the Germans, manifested particularly by their artillery fire.

"Summing up, it may be said that the attacks of the enemy at various points on our front have been repulsed, in some instances, after an engagement some times lasting a day long.

"On our right wing there is nothing new to report."

**GERMAN OBJECTIVE
IS TO PRESS TO SEA**

BERLIN, November 4 (via London, Nov. 5).—Major Morath, the military critic, discussing the military situation in the Tageblatt, indicates that the German objective in the operations around Ypres is to press the English back upon the opening the way to secure possession of the strategic seacoast. The Germans are trying to crush the French left wing at Arras, he says, and the object of the operations to the east of Ypres must soon become apparent. That the German attacks everywhere are progressing steadily," he adds, "must give satisfaction to the


Germanus who have not been delighted with the long position of the fighting. In these days of our tense waiting, the German troops are not even given indication of victorious advance. This, however, can only proceed slowly owing to the strong defensive works built by the enemy for weeks.

"It is of the utmost importance for the solution of the remaining tasks of the army that the health of the troops remained excellent throughout the prolonged fighting in the trenches. Food rationing has met all requirements, and the feeling of the army is excellent. Hence we are looking forward

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